

I am releived to see that the 160-190kHz band was refused to be dedicated to amateur radio. This would have resulted in significant costs to Power Line Carrier users in the utility industry. The limited co-user use at the ~138kHz with limited power output is also a great decision.

I do have a significant concern in regard to making readily available the location of and frequencies used in our power line carrier applications. As a result of last September, we have become much more aware of the extremes some will go to. Depending on the type of power line carrier system being used, I believe that someone who knows the system and frequencies being used, could disrupt the power grid by effectively disabling some of our power line carrier systems by introducing the proper frequencies by themselves transmitting near our power lines during storms or by intentionally causing a system disturbance. This may seem like an unlikely scenario but it could be done. Making our specific frequency use and locations of said frequencies is a bad idea. I have seen river traffic communications interfere with our carrier systems so I know it can be effectively done. Some things are best kept 'secret' and secure. It should be considered a homeland security issue.

Thanks for your consideration in this matter.